

Wenham Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2005

Members Present

Patrick Wilson (Chairman)
Leo Maestranzi
Malcolm Reid
Phil Colarusso

Bob Burnett
Roland Bonnette
Linda Hansen (Coordinator and Secretary)

7:30 – 9:30 PM CONSERVATION COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETING

19:30 A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved by all present (6-0) to accept the minutes of July 25, 2005, with corrections noted. Two bills were approved.

19:31 Request for Determination

Grapevine Road sidewalk project
Dept. of Public Works

Present: Dan Lynch and Peter Hersee

Based on the site visit conducted on Thursday, July 28, 2005, the commissioners requested the location of the sidewalk be moved closer to the perimeter of the soccer fields. Mr. Lynch said there is room for adjustment, with approval from the Iron Rail Commission. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved by all present (6-0) to approve the plan and issue a Negative Determination of Applicability. The public hearing was closed.

19:38 Amended Order of Conditions

4 Gussett Road (DEP file # 326-0275)

Present: John Dick (Hancock Associates), Ralph and Andrea Caruso.

Stormwater management plan and cover letter was distributed and discussed. Additional stormwater measures are included in plan since last meeting, including stone-filled infiltration trenches will be installed to capture roof and driveway runoff. Location of septic system confirmed. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved by all present (6-0) to approve the amended order of conditions for the project. The public hearing was closed.

19:52 Enforcement Action

24 Eddel Avenue – John Bucco

Present: John and Dianne Bucco, John Dick (Hancock Associates), and Andrew Bresnahan (abutter).

John Dick provided a cover letter and plan for Plan with retaining wall at 30 ft buffer zone with additional planting. Plan included cutting of Norway Maples in wetland.

Noted that only some of the eroded fill in the wetland had been raked out, not all and a new siltation fence had been installed. Coordinator will check on wetland condition on Wednesday, August 10. Mr Bresnahan noted for the record that he never agreed to the retaining wall along his property line as is stated in Hancock Associates cover letter.

Chairman Wilson requested that John Dick make sure the dirt in the wetland is removed immediately and the silt fence include haybales. After some discussion regarding whether the concrete slab should stay or be removed, a motion was made to remove fill, concrete slab and associated walkway, and immediate removal of eroded fill in wetland. Work to be completed within a 6 week time-frame. This motion was seconded and approved (5-1). The public hearing was closed.

20:20 Order of Conditions

289 Lake Drive, Hamilton
(DEP file number 172-0472)

Commissioner Colarusso recused himself as an abutter. Dan Johnson, engineer, presented plans to commission. John Jacobi (BOH) and Mr. Johnson conducted soil tests and agreed that proposed location of the septic system acceptable—no other alternative available. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved by all present (5-0) to approve the NOI and issue an Order of Conditions/Permit for the project. The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Maestranzi left the meeting.

20: 28 Order of Conditions

13 Parsons Hill Road
(DEP file number 326-0279)

Mike DeRosa, consultant, presented plan to construct pool in back yard. A retaining wall will be built to retain fiberglass pool (1 to 1 slope). Atlantic Pool from Swampscott is contractor for construction. Civil engineer will be present during construction. A site visit was scheduled for 8:30 on Thursday Aug, 11, 2005. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present to continue the public hearing (5-0).

20:36 Continued Public Hearing -- 2 Onion River Road

Order of Conditions – Daniel Chansky (DEP # 326-0215)

Present: Mr. John Dick

Consultant hired by commission, Rich Kirby, suggested mitigation of wetland rather than removal of wall. A motion made and seconded to accept Mr. Kirby's mitigation plan, approved: 2, opposed: 3. Another motion was made and seconded to compel Mr. Chansky to bring his stone wall back to the 30 ft set back based on Mr. Kirby's wetland delineation, approved: 3, opposed: 2. A motion was made and seconded, and unanimously approved (5-0) to set a time line of 6 weeks to commence work and 6 weeks to complete work. A fine will be levied after 3 months. The public hearing was closed.

21:05 Site Visits

The Coordinator discussed the site visit to Wenham Lake and the wetland restoration plan. Chairman Wilson stated that he agreed to grant waiver for condition 16 of OOC due to the nature of this project.

A site visit was scheduled for Reynolds Farm on Thursday.

21:15 Meeting adjourned. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved by all present (5-0) to adjourn the meeting.

Linda Hansen, Coordinator

cc: Board of Selectman, Finance Committee, Planning Board, ConsCom Officer, Board of Health